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(e) whether final orders have been passed regarding the extension of the period for the collection of kists in the Trichinopoly district and if so, the nature of such orders?

A.—(a) Land plans and schedules have been completed for about 16 miles and much progress has been made in investigation in connexion with the preparation of site surveys, working plans and estimates for the works to be sanctioned technically by the Superintending Engineer.

(b) (i) 20,552 acres.

(ii) Not as part of the present scheme.

(c) Both are parts of the same scheme and the Bed Regulator is necessary to enable the High Level Channel to get its supply.

(d) The Special Division is in charge not only of the Bed Regulator but also of the High Level Channel.

(e) The attention of the hon. Member is drawn to paragraphs 7 and 11 of G.O. No. 1162, Revenue, dated 6th June 1932, revising the kistbandi of all the taluks of the district with the exception of Karur as follows:—

January	6 annas.
February	6 „
March	4 „

Mr. K. SINGAM AYYANGAR:—"With reference to (a), may I know as to when these estimates will be ready and when the work will be put on hand?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I cannot say how soon the estimates will be ready. The intention is to proceed with the work as soon as possible."

Land Revenue Administration

Religious and charitable service inams in the districts of South Arcot, Chingleput and the City of Madras.

* 69 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what the original extent was of land, wet and dry, comprised in the religious and charitable service inams confirmed by the Commissioner in 1860 in the districts of South Arcot, Chingleput and the City of Madras and what the nature of the service in each case was;

(b) how much of this extent of inam lands has been since (i) enfranchised, (ii) resumed, (iii) re-assigned or re-granted, and when was the same done and for what reasons;

(c) what the extent is of religious and charitable service inam lands now remaining or existing in each of the taluks of South Arcot, Chingleput and in the City of Madras and where they are located; and

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(*d*) in which of the religious and charitable service inams in the districts of South Arcot, Chingleput and the City of Madras are the terms of the grant being fulfilled and what the nature is of the service rendered in the respective inams ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government are not in possession of these particulars. Their compilation would involve considerable labour and expense.

11-15 a.m. Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" Whether in view of the necessity to prevent the lands comprised in the religious and charitable endowments from being wasted or maladministered, the Government will be pleased to make a survey of the original extent of lands allotted for these purposes and then place their report before this Council in order to enable the non-official Members of this Council to bring into existence some sort of legislation to put a stop to any further maladministration or to prevent further disappearance of the existing wakf properties ? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" On the facts before us I am afraid that it will cost us a great deal of money to make such an investigation. If there has been any particular case where there has been maladministration, and the hon. Member draw my attention to it, I will make the necessary enquiries."

Khan Bahadur P. KHALIF-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur :—" May I know what would be the likely cost of this investigation ? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" That I cannot say. It may be deputing a special officer and so forth."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur :—" Does not the Government think it necessary to have some kind of wakf legislation on the right lines of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act and for that purpose it is necessary to have those particulars ? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" I am afraid it is not possible to undertake to make any such investigation."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur :—" Does the Government think it possible to have such a legislation without those particulars? That is my question."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That is asking for opinion."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I ask whether it is really impossible to do that ? After all is it a great thing to depute one Deputy Collector to go round the whole Presidency and find out the exact state of the religious and charitable endowments concerning the Muslim community and place his report before a Committee of non-officials of this House ? Will not the Government give so much assistance to the non-official Members of this House with a view to enable them to frame a legislation of that kind for a very necessary purpose ? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" The Board's Standing Orders contain the rules of procedure that are to be adopted in these

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cases, by those who are in the management of these institutions. In the absence of any proof that there has been a general failure to carry out those orders and that our present machinery is inadequate for the purpose, I am afraid I must decline to undertake any such investigation."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I ask whether, in view of the non-availability of such particulars, we cannot frame any kind of legislation, the hon. the Revenue Member will be reluctant to give us the exact position of those charitable endowments as they obtain at present."

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" I am afraid the cost of preparing such statistics will be very high. I do not know to what cases the hon. Member refers. I have said already that if the hon. Member brings before me any particular cases I shall have enquiries made."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" In view of the fact that the original extent of lands meant for religious and charitable purposes endowed by the then Government has dwindled and no one knows exactly how much is left and how much is not left, may I not ask the Revenue Department who are the best authorities on the subject to give us the details as to what exactly is the position of wakfs to-day."

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" If the hon. Member will bring to my notice specific cases, I shall have the necessary enquiries made."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask whether the Government receive reports from the Collectors with reference to the administration of these endowments? I understood the hon. Member to say that it is part of the regular duties of the Revenue Department."

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" I cannot say whether the required information can be collected from the jamabandi report. It is no doubt true that matters pertaining to the administration of these endowments are reported in the jamabandi."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I take it that the hon. Member will ask the Collectors to send annual reports according to the administration reports ? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" I will consider the suggestion."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur :—" May I ask whether there is any report from which it is possible for non-official Members to gather this information so that they may bring in a legislation ? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" I have already answered that question."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur :—" Is the Government aware that it is not possible for any private Member to bring any Bill of this sort without such information as has been already asked for and that such information will not be available to anybody except the Government ? "

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Names of the present holders of the various religious and charitable service inams in the districts of South Arcot, Chingleput and the City of Madras.

* 70. *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of the present holders of the various religious and charitable service inams in the districts of South Arcot, Chingleput and the City of Madras as entered in the revenue records of the districts and in what right they hold the inams;

(*b*) what steps have been taken by the Collectors and subordinate revenue authorities in South Arcot, Chingleput and Madras to see that the religious and charitable service inams confirmed by the Inam Commissioner are not enjoyed without the terms of the grant being fulfilled during the last five years; and

(*c*) what the effect was of the steps taken by the revenue authorities in the said districts?

A.—(*a*) The compilation of these particulars will involve considerable labour and expense which will, in the opinion of Government, be hardly justified.

(*b*) & (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to B.S.O. No. 54 which contains detailed instructions for the enforcement of the terms of the grant of religious and charitable inams. The Government presume that these instructions are being followed in the districts mentioned.

Public Service

Exemptions to persons who have put in 30 years of service.

* 71. *Q.*—Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in pursuance of the retrenchment proposals or otherwise all persons who have put in 30 years of service have been retired;

(*b*) whether any exemptions were granted; and

(*c*) if so, what the grounds are upon which such exemptions were granted?

A.—(*a*) Government did not require all such officers to retire from service but have included them among the categories of officers to be selected for discharge, if necessary, where as a measure of retrenchment it is decided to reduce the total strength of any service. A copy of the statutory rules issued in the matter will be found published as Public (Services) Department Notification No. 52, dated the 31st March 1932, on pages 649–50 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 5th April 1932.

(*b*) & (*c*) No exemptions have been granted.